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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for responding to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002.

The requested extension is for three (3) months, extending the period for response to January 3, 2003.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on January 3, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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A check is enclosed in the total amount of \$465.00 for the Three Month Extension of Time fee. Please charge Deposit Account No. <u>50-1355</u> for any other fees or credits believed to be due. A copy of this Transmittal Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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